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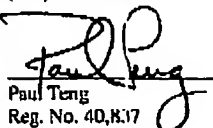
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For: **MAINTENANCE/RECOVERY DEVICE FOR LIQUID DISCHARGE DEVICE, AND  
IMAGE FORMING DEVICE**

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**AMENDMENT**

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This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2007 in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** beginning on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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